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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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I WAS UNABLE TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES
BECAUSE HE WENT IMMEDIATELY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY
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CABINET MEETING THIS MORNING TO THE AIRPORT TO ACCOMPANY

PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC TO MOSCOW. HOWEVER, WE CONVEYED U.S. POSITION TO SENIOR MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, WHO HAD A MESSAGE TAKEN IN TO SAUVAGNARGUES AT THE CABINET MEETING AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SAUVAGNARGUES HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT BEFORE LEAVING FOR MOSCOW.

THIS AFTERNOON ACCOMPANIED BY ECONCOMMIN I MET WITH FINANCE MINISTER FOURCADE AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER WITH BROSSELETTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ELYSEE. IN BOTH THESE MEETINGS, I STRESSED THE VERY SERIOUS VIEW THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TOOK OF THE FRENCH DECISION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE PARIS CLUB MEETING, AND I URGED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT THE MEETING PROCEED AS SCHEDULED. I ALSO STRESSED THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF THE PARIS CLUB AS A TECHNICAL BODY OPERATING ON TECHNICAL, NOT POLITICAL, CRITERIA.

FOURCADE REPLIED THAT HE ALSO CONSIDERED THE QUESTION A TECHNICAL QUESTION. BROSSELETTE MIGHT WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS BUT HE, AS FINANCE MINISTER, HAD DECIDED THAT HE COULD NOT HOLD THE MEETING AS SCHEDULED FOR THE GOOD TECHNICAL REASON THAT HALF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM HAD SAID THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND AND THAT OF THE EC MEMBERS, ONLY FRANCE AND GERMANY HAD STILL BEEN WILLING TO ATTEND, AND GERMANY, HE UNDERSTOOD, WAS NOW WAVERING AS WELL. I REPLIED, FIRST, THAT THIS WAS NOT AN EC MATTER, AND SECOND, THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS NOT THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PRESENT, BUT THE AMOUNT OF THE DEBT HELD BY THOSE WILLING TO ATTEND. I SAID THAT FIVE OF THE SIX MAJOR CREDITORS (INCLUDING FRANCE) HAD INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND AND THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UK, THE COMMUNITY COUNTRIES NOT WILLING TO ATTEND REPRESENTED ONLY FIVE PERCENT OF THE DEBT. AS FOR GERMANY, INFORMATION WE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM OUR EMBASSY IN BONN INDICATED THAT, IF THE MEETING WERE HELD AS SCHEDULED, THE FRG WOULD ATTEND. I SAID THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO THE PARIS CLUB WOULD UNDERMINE THE VERY STRUCTURE OF THE CLUB. I URGED THAT, IF THE GOF BELIEVED THAT IT

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WAS TOO LATE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MARCH 24-25 DATES, THEY RESCHEDULE THE MEETING FOR EARLY APRIL.

FOURCADE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WAS UNWILLING TO CALL A MEETING WITH SO MANY COUNTRIES ABSENT, BUT FINALLY AGREED TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING THE MEETING FOR APRIL. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT, IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK ON BELGIUM AND THE

OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAD REJECTED THE INVITATION. I SAID THAT IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT THE UK WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION AND I REPEATED THAT THE CRUX OF THE MATTER WAS THAT FIVE OF THE SIX MAJOR CREDITORS HAD INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND.

BROSSETTE LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO MY PRESENTATION. HE SAID THAT ORIGINALLY THE GOF HAD BEEN IN FAVOR OF HOLDING THE MEETING AS SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, WHEN FRANCE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS BEGAN DEFECTING FOR POLITICAL REASONS, PRESIDENT GISCARD AND SAUVAGNARGUES HAD TALKED THE MATTER OVER AND CONCLUDED THAT FRANCE WOULD HAVE TO START LOOKING AT THE QUESTION IN A POLITICAL CONTEXT

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AS WELL. BROSSOLETTE RECALLED THE STRONG ANTI-CHILEAN FEELING ON THE FRENCH LEFT. IF FRANCE WENT AHEAD WITH THE MEETING WHEN SO MANY OF ITS EC PARTNERS HAD DROPPED OUT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPOSE ITSELF TO ATTACK FROM THE OPPOSITION. IN VIEW OF THIS, HE SAID, THE PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE MEETING INDEFINITELY.

I REMINDED BROSSOLETTE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OUT OF THE PARIS CLUB IF THE CLUB WERE TO SURVIVE. I STRESSED THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE PARIS CLUB AND BROSSOLETTE AGREED THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO FRANCE THAT THE CLUB CONTINUE TO HOLD ITS MEETINGS IN PARIS. HE ALSO AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS OUT OF THE CLUB.

BROSSOLETTE CONCLUDED THAT, IN VIEW OF OUR STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE MATTER, THE GOF HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. HE SAID HE WOULD BRING MY DEMARCHE TO GISCARD'S ATTENTION AT ONCE. /HE BELIEVED IT WAS TOO LATE TO HOLD THE MEETING NEXT WEEK AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD MAKE NO PROMISES, HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH GISCARD THE POSSIBILITY OF RESCHEDULING IT IN EARLY APRIL AS I HAD SUGGESTED.

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